

This week Vera Bullock died at the age of 96. We pay tribute to her and the stories of Lehi History she left for all to enjoy.

Early Lehi Schools

Condensed From the Oral History by Vera Bullock

My Dad used to take me to school every morning. We lived just across the road from the city, in the county. The county line ran just in the middle of the road. Because we didn't live in the city we couldn't ride the school bus. So my Dad always got home in time to take me to school, but I didn't come to Lehi to go to school to start with.

Where did you go to School?

(I went to school) on State Street. There was a house, someone lives in the house now. (It was still Lehi. It was up by the old 3rd ward church, just west of there.) There were only two rooms. There were two grades in that school. (It was called) Yes, Franklin School. There were two teachers, Mrs. Gilchrist and Mrs. Thurman. By that time they were kind of older than me.

We didn't have any running water. The outhouses were back of the school, one for the boys and one for the girls. (The outhouse was a) Well, a two holer, I guess; Built of wood. To guard the door it was built out a little bit to cover the door up if it was left open. It had a front on it that was built out a little bit. The boys' was a little

bit further away. We had to wait until recess and we would all run.

What do you remember about learning in School?

The same thing. Reading, I guess, and writing. I can hardly remember them. (books) They were about what we have today. They were good books. Yes, we had penmanship. I got to where I was really good at cursive. Even today I have a lot of cursive in my writing.

You didn't have much time, maybe fifteen minutes. (for recess) We just played outside for a while and they would ring the bell and we would go back in. (We did not have a big school bell). We had a hand bell. : We took our own lunch-Sandwich. Peanut butter and jelly I guess—whatever we had.

(I was) not very long up at that school, maybe three years. Then we moved downtown here. Our first school was just where the senior citizen building is. That building was torn down—all this was torn down. We changed schools, the other school was torn down and we moved over there across the street where the fire station is. That was torn down. Everything was torn down.

